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PATENT  
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Client Ref. No.: 3407.2

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Michael A. Siani-Rose et al.

Application No.: 09/683,264

Filed: December 5, 2001

For: COMPUTER SOFTWARE FOR  
AUTOMATED ANNOTATION OF  
BIOLOGICAL SEQUENCES

Customer No.: 33494

Confirmation No. 1024

Examiner: Marianne P. Allen

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1631

Response

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Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action mailed September 29, 2005. The Office Action stated that the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11,453 O.G. 213.

The application has been indicated as allowable but in need of attention to various formal matters which are addressed below. Reconsideration in light of the following and the attachments is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.